PRICE TWO CENTS.

WILLIAMS. HOTLY REPLIES TO BARR

Prominent Railway Men Bitter in Personal Denunciations.

FALSE STATEMENTS **BOLDLY CHARGED**

John Skelton Williams Replies in Vigorous Language to Equally Emphatic and Grave Charges of James M. Barr-Both Men Are Severe in Their Attacks.

Mr. Williams has, therefore, made a ght from wrong when his feelings tract from Mr. Barr's letter. . .

ting the interest of Seaboard stock holders to detect and expose Mr. Barr's isstatement of facts and denials o uth, on several occasions and to direct alty of his management."-Extract from Mr. John Skelton Williams's statement.

The greatest interest has been arous President Barr, of the Scaboard Air Line to the stockholders of that company nying in no uncertain terms the charge preferred against him by Mr. John Skel-Williams, and bringing counter

Mr. Williams now no less defends his position, and in a statement published below again prefers charges agninst Mr. Barr. The language used by both men is spicy and full of venom, and he war of words is flery and bitter to a

Now as to the animus of Mr. Williams's cliarges:

On October 6, 1303, Mr. Williams, apprehending a contest for control of the Settleward Mr. Line Rallway between binged, and Messrs, Labenburg, Thalmain and Company, B. F. troakum, H. C. Pleres and others, wrofe me with respect thereto, and the closing paragraph of his letter to, and the closing paragraph of his letter of the date named is as follows:

"This letter is for the purpose of advising you fully as to the present status of matters, and to say to you that my administration shall expect to receive from you the same carriest and hearty allegiance, and the same zealous cooperation that you have rendered heretofore, and which I have no fear that you will fail to recognize it to be your duty to give."

which I replied, under date Octobe

Barr goes on to state that Mr. lams told him that his (Mr. Barr's) lon to the position of president was cable to him (Mr. Williams).

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Mr. Williams stated at Norfolk, on December 15, 1983, in the presence of others, that the physical condition of the Senboard Air Line Rallway and its service as well, had been greatly improved since I was placed in charge thereof for the Senboard Air Line Rallway and its service on the day he resigned the presidency of the Senboard Air Line Rallway and its service on the day he resigned the presidency of the Senboard Air Line Rallway, 100 comments of 1984, in comment of the Senboard Air Line Rallway, 100 comments of 1984, in comments of the Senboard Air Line Rallway, 200 comments of 1984, in comments of the Senboard Air Line Rallway, 200 comments of the Senboard Ai

he unable to do this at a satisfactory neure.

I very much regret that this lease, in its present form, has been sent to me for execution, as I cannot sign it in its present shape. It is dated April 1, 1902, and I could not, of course, execute it as present shape of that date.

I cannot take the action suggested by you in this connection, without subjecting you and me to adverse comment, which, of course, I do not want to do.

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POINTER ON THE WEATHER



At 1 A. M.

SENATE INSISTS ON ITS RIGHTS

In Amending the Arbitration Treaties It Accepts President's Challenge.

THREAT OF MR. ROOSEVELT

He Declared He Would With draw the Treaties if They . Were Amended.

WABHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 8.—By adopting an amendment to-day to the pending arbitration ireaties requiring that before any matter concerning this country shall be submitted to arbitration, it shall be submitted to the Senate and receive the Senate's approval, the Senate has put it "up to the President." whether the treaties shall be withdrawn or left in the hands of the Senate for confirmation.

The President had stated that if the reaties were amended in any way, they could be withdrawn, and the Senate has This is regarded here as notice that the Senate will insist on its full share in governmental functions.

COMMITTEE TAKES UNANIMOUS ACTION

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Féb. 3.—The Senile Committee on Foreign Relations, bymanimous vote 10-day authorized a faorable report on the arbitration treaties

Senate to the control of the control

Calls Colleagues Liars.

SPRINGFISIAD ILL. Feb. 8.—Frank D. Comerford, a Representitive from the Second Senatorial District of Cook county to the Forty-fourth General Assembly, was to-day expelled as a member of that body by a vote of 131 to 13, and als name was stricken from the rolls of the House. His expulsion was the climax of a series of sensational charges of corruption and attempted brhery, made in a lecture, January 31st, before the Hilmos College of Law, by Mr. comerford against mombers of the Hilmos Legislature, which charges were investigated by a special committee of the House, and found to be infounded. To-day this committee reported its finding to the House.

Mr. Comerford in a speech reviewing the testimony taken before the investigating committee, and denounced certain members of the House for the nature of their testimony before the committee, which holds for the nature of their testimony before the committee, which had told that "they stood convicted as lars."

TO EXPEL PLATT

Charged That He Is Involved in Conspiracy of Express Co.

WARREN ALSO UNDER HOT FIRE

Resolution Introduced in Wyoming Legislature, But Tabled, Called for Investigation of Senator's Record

on Several Grounds.

Battle Creek, Mich., who has interest d himself largely in the establishment of ate, a petition for the expulsion of Sen-ator Thomas C. Platt from the Senate. The petition is based on the assertion that Mr. Platt, as the executive officer of the United States Express Company. a party to a conspiracy to maintain identical rates among express companie for articles simpled over the company of the asserts that Platt ha stold representa-tives of his that he will oppose all legis-lation injuriously affecting his company's

Charges Conspiracy

In his petition, Mr. Post charges the six express companies of the United States with conspiring to violate the anti-trust act by monopolizing the express business of the country and fixing the rates. He alleges that "by reason of the unlawful combination the express companies have maintained charges for all the different kinds of business far

panies have maintained theorems to the different kinds of business far in excess of reasonable rates."

He then mentions the Post check currency bills, which have for several years

Mr. Post charges that in his capacity as president of the United States Express Company, Senator Piktt, is participating in the conspiracy charged, and proceeding, says; "He is daily engaged in performing over acts in pursuance thereof, and that in the Senate he has used, and is continuing to use, his instence like a senator to oppose the passage of the bills referred to, or any of them, on the ground that if passed they would effect injuriously the business of said express companies."

AGAINST WARREN.

But Resolution to Secure Investigation Was Promptly Tabled.

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(By Associated Press.)

CHEYENNE, WYO., Feb. S.—A concurrent resolution was introduced in the State Senate Kelster. Democrat, relating to rumors of charges against United States Senator Francis.

E. Warren, and demanding a triple investigation by the State Legislature of Wyoming, by the Senate of the United States and by President Rooseveit.

The resolution was promptly tabled by a vote of 18 to 5. Senator Patrick Sullivan was the only Republican who voted against tabling the resolution.

The Charges.

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The charges mentioned in the resolution were as follows:
"That Charles M. Smith, brother-in-law

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PRICE OF THE TIMES-DISPATCH.

The Times-Dispatch has recently received a number of complaints from its friends and patrons that certain news agents on the railroads and in some of the towns and cities of the State were charging more than the advertised price for copies of the paper. This increase in price is without the authority and against the wishes of The Times Dispatch. The price of the Daily Times-Dispatch to the public is 2c, per copy, and the price of the Sunday paper is 5c. No agent or dealer is authorized to charge a greater price, and The Times-Dispatch will thank its readers to report any effort to force the public to pay more.

In view of the heavy expense incurred in selling papers on the trains the Union News Company have by long usage established their right to fix a price of Sc. for the Daily and Sunday, but never more than 5c.

WANT HELP TO-DAY:

The 21 advertisements for help pub-laked in to-day's Times-Dispatch on age 8 are as follows:

5 Trades. 6 Domestics. 4 Salesmen. 5 Professional. 1 Agent.

This not only interests those out of work, but those desiring to improve their positions as well.

WOULD SNATCH M'CUE FROMJAWSOFDEATH

GROUNDS ON WHICH APPEAL WILL BE MADE TO U. S. SUPREME COURT

The original petition in the McCue case prepared by Messrs. Lee and Coleman and other attorneys, on which the case will be taken to the United Supreme Court, set forth forty-five specific exceptions and made a pamphlet of 100 printed pages. The following is a brief abstract of the exceptions:

First-As to the replication in the matter of Grand Juror Lyman's

Second—The action of trial court in submitting this eligibility question

a jury.

Fourth—The overruling of the motion to set aside verdict.

Fifth—The acceptance of J. Y. Stockdell as a member of panel.

Sixth—The action of court in accepting Jud B. Wood as a member of

evancy.

Eleventh—Permitting Witness Martin to testify as to conversation between prisoner and son.

Twelve and thirteen—Other parts of Witness Martin's testimony.

Exception 14—As to permitting Witness William Hurley to testify as to effect of wife's jesiousy.

Fifteenth—Refusal to strike out testimony of Dr. Nelson as to effect of

to petitioner's manner to wife on a specified occasion.

Thirty-fifth—As to permitting Witness John Perry to be asked

Thirty-fifth—As to permitting Witness John Perry to be asked certain questions.

Exception 40—As to permitting paper alleged to have been written down by William McCue-at dictation of John, Perry to be read to jury.

Forty-first—As to action of trial court to giving certain instructions asked by Commonwealth, defining reasonable doubt.

Forty-second—Refusal of court to give two instructions proffered by defense, defining reasonable doubt and in effect teiling the jury it was better to let ninety-nine guilty men escape than to hang one innocent man. Exception 44—Te the statement of Prosecuting Attorney Woods that he had refused a large-fee to defend the prisoner.

Exception 45—The action of the trial court in refusing to set aside the verdict as contrary to the law and the evidence and grant prisoner a new trial.

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE CASE.

Mrs. Farmis M. McGue, wife of J. Samuel McGue, former Mayor of Charlottesville, was murdered in their home in that city on Sunday evening, September 4th.

McGue claimed that an intruder had entered their bedroom just after their return from church, and while they were preparing to retire.

Later, the wife was found beaten and shot to death in the bath tub. McGue offerad a liberal reward.

A corondr's just imageliately began an inquisition. Before it cancluded its work McGue wife arrested, charged with the murder of his wife. The securated position of court, was arraigned and pleaded not guilty. The case was set for trial at the October term.

Great difficulty was experienced in getting a jury. Just 163 veniremen were summened before twelve jurors were accepted. The cost for jurors and mileage was \$1,856.09.

Hearing of testimony was began October 25th. Instructions were offered

IN RAPPAHANNOCK OVER THE SOUTH

Wires Torn All to Pieces and Steamer Loaded With Oysters Many Places Are Now

Isolated. (By Associated Press.)
LOUISVILLE, KY., Feb. 8.—With rain and sleet falling over nearly every mile of country from the Ohio River to New Orleans, the usual avenues of wire communication which have been demoralized since Sunday, to-day went from bad to worse. Nearly every branch of commercial life felt the interruption, and the prospects for better conditions are not promising. Cloudy weather, with rain, sleet or snow, prevails from the Dakota's to the Gulf of Mexico, where, with warmer weather, a heavy rain has been falling for forty-eight hours. A storm area is moving in over the central gulf region.

The indications are for warm rains over the entire district south of the Ohlo, during the next thirty-six hours, which it is expected will raise all streams and rivers, and start the ice which has bound many of them in a tish clasp for soveral weeks.

Wires Suffer Greatly.

The telegraph and telephone companies are fighting against tremendous odds.

Enormous quantities of new material are required in a widely scattered area, and difficulty is expected in finding workmen. Business expected in finding workmen. Business is accepted only subject to indefinite delay. The loss in revenues to the telegraph companies and to the brokerages houses controlling wires, is enormous. The small armles of linemen sent out in every direction to repair the damage are handleapped by the continued rain and sleet. Wires are no sconer strung than accumulated ice snaps them. The broken and ice covered wires puts added weight on the poles, and many poles also fall to the ground. It is believed that it will be a month before compunication is resumed over the regular routes. It is estimated, also, that with the present large force of men, it will be ten days before the wires are restored between (Continued on Second Page.)

This mail has been accumulating on south side for the past two weeks. CONKLIN APPARENT WINNER

Stopped by Frozen

· Bank.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
WARSAW, VA., Feb. 8.—The Whealto

Packing Company's oyster steamer, The

in order to get it abourd the mast secure out.

The steamer Potomae left Norfolk this morning at 11 o'clock for the Rappa-hannock, but it is feared she will not be able to go higher than Towle's Point, owing to the ice blockade, at this point. It is sleeting heavily here again tonight, and if it continues until morning it will be impossible to travel the roads. No papers have been received of later date than Priday, which was brought here by special carriers across the river from Tappahannock, and which was paid for by private subscription. Business is at a standstill, and it looks as if the worst is yet to come.

Belated Mail.

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IN BILLIARD TOURNAMENT CHICAGO, Feb. 8.—Charles F. Conkin. of Chicago, with five gages won and one lost, stands, to-night at the head of the winning column in the amateur billiard tournament for the championship of the United States, now in progress at the Chicago Athicia Club. Edward G. Gardner, of New York, and W. H. Sigourney, of San Francisco, are tied for the second place. Conklin won to-night's game from Gardner, 300 to 27. Sigourney beat Conklin in the efternoon game 300 to 273.

Governor Will Be Petitioned To-Day on the Ground of the Prisoner's Insanity. Experts Will Make Examination.

UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT APPEALED TO AS LAST CHANCE

Richmond Lawyer Secures Copy of the Exceptions Submitted by McCue's Counsel to the Supreme Court of Appeals, and Leaves on 4 o'Clock Train for Washington-Highest Tribunal of the Nation Will Pass on Points Raised by Counsel.

HROUGH THE LAST two channels where human hope can possibly lie for J. Samuel McCue, the condemned ex-mayor of Charlottesville, who is sentenced to hang to-morrow for the murder of his wife, his friends and attorneys will proceed to-day with all vigor and carnestness. The one leads to the Department of the State, where Governor Montague will soner, and the other to the United States Supreme Court, at which tribunal will be asked to grant a writ of hat there may be a second trial of the now celebrated case two efforts, made in different directions, to save the life of

demned man, while emanating from the same source—his fam friends-are yet entirely independent of one another and are ng pressed by different attorneys. Messrs. Machen & Moncure, of Alexandria, aided by Messrs. E. O.

McCue and G. B. Sinclair, of Charlottesville, have charge of the mat ter before the Governor, and the ground of their appeal to-day will The case will be presented to the United States Supreme Court by

Mr. Marvin Smithey, of this city, and he will rely wholly upon the of the case in the State Supreme Court, where a writ of error

Great activity was shown by all those connected with the case sterday and last night, and to-day the climax will be reached in he long and persistent struggle to save the neck of the ill-fated man

their efforts to secure the signatures of the jurors who tried the case in favor of Executive elemency and in this they met with some suc-All their papers and petitions will be in this morning and they will lay them before the Governor and make an earnest appeal for

before the United States Supreme Court, is in Washington, having left here at 4 o'clock this morning, armed with the voluminous record which he will present to the court as early as he may find it possible

Messrs. Machen & Moncure seem to have faith in their case and have spared no pains to make their papers strong and influen-The former spent a portion of the day in Petersburg, visiting the jurors from that city, who sat in the case and he said last night that while he did not see them all, he met with some success. The latter was in Fredericksburg and secured a petition from one of the the other to the Governor, saying he would be satisfied with any course the Executive might see fit to present with reference to the case. The attorneys said last night, that they would hear from the two members at Warrenton this morning and they hoped to get both. They have an engagement to see Mr. John A. Traylor, the Richmond juror, to-day.

Packing Company's oyster steamer. The Chief, left Whealton at 3 o'clock this morning with a large shipment of shucked oysters from Sharp's and Whealton, but when Towler's Point was reached, the steamer was provented from going further for the lee, which was banked five feet high. Her cuttre cargo was taken off and carried over-land to Millenbeck Wharf, a distance of fourteen miles, in order to get it aboard the first steamer out. Besides all this, petitions were being circulated in Charlottesville yesterday, asking for a commutation of sentence, one of which was taken around by the little seven-year-old son of the prisoner.

If these two last efforts to save McCue shall fail, as would now seem likely, the doors of hope will be absolutely closed to the prisoner and the cruel gallows, standing hard by the cell in which he spends his lonely days and nights, will do the work for which it has been constructed.

DOCTORS HAVE NOT SEEN THE PRISONER

Experts Had Not Visited Charlottesville Jail at 1 o'Clock

This Morning.

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The specialists sont by counsel to examine McCue as to his mental condition had not visited the Charlottesville juli at 1:30 o'clock this morning.

When it became known that counsel had taken this step The Times-Dispatch called up Charlottesville by long distance phone and secured direct communication with the juli. The deputy in charge of the guard on duty, stated that the medical experts had not been to the prison, and nothins had been heard about their coming.

It was learned from a prominent citizen of Charlottesville, with whom The Times-Dispatch talked, that an effort was made a few days ago to get leading physicians of that city to make an examination of McCue with a view to making affidavits as to his mental condition, but they promptly declined. The people of the city do not think the convicted man is insane.

It is said that a number of Charlottesville people have signed the petitions asining the Governor to communion the sentence of McCue. At the canaditine it is General that there was no idea that further clemency would be granted. (Special to The Times-Disputch.)
WARSAW, VA., Feb. 8.—Thirty-two
sacks of mail reached Oak Grave to-day
having been sent direct to that point from
Fredericksburg to-day by a special carrier. To-morrow this mail will be forwarded to Montross and thence to Warsaw, where it will be distributed at the
various postoffices in the Northern Neck.
This mail has been accumulating on the IN BILLIARD TOURNAMENT

INSANITY IN FAMILY SAY HIS COUNSEL

Senator Machen Gives Reason for Having Mental Examination Made.

senator Machen, when seen at The Richmond last night and questioned as to his connection with the McCue case, said:

"Mr. Moneure and myself were amployed Monday on this case. We were notysed that the action of the Governor would probably depend upon the present metal condition of Mr. McCue. To ascernar this condition, we secured several experts from Alexandria, Predericksburg and Washington, who went to Charlotteaville this evening for the hurpose of making an examination of Mr. McCue. Of course, we cannot say now what will be the result of that examination.

"We can only say that Mr. McChe's father, father's mother, father's prether and other members of his family have been insanc, and confined in the State hospitule.

"Wa have information that since Mr. McCue's conviction he has exhibited saveral symptoms of insanity, and has written a number of lettery which indicate that he is not, at this time, sane. Se far as we know, be te